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SUBJECT: EXBS KAZAKHSTAN ADVISOR'S MONTHLY REPORTING CABLE (JUNE 2008)

I. BROAD ITEMS OF INTEREST TO ADVISORS AND AGENCY MANAGERS:

1. On June 23, 2008, the Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), in cooperation with the Kazakhstan Customs Control Committee, commissioned the first eight sites outfitted with radiation detection equipment completed under a joint project. The radiation detection systems will help detect the illicit smuggling of nuclear and radiological materials passing through Kazakhstan's borders and were installed at seven crossing points and at one training facility. Since 2006, NNSA's Second Line of Defense (SLD) program has worked with the Kazakhstan Customs Control Committee to identify sites and install radiation detection equipment to improve Kazakhstan's overall radiation detection capabilities. The completion of the first group of eight sites represents the accomplishment of the first major milestone to be achieved under the joint project.

2. Kazakhstani President Nursultan Nazarbayev has signed into law a bill on the ratification of the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism. Kazakhstan took over two years to ratify the convention, which was signed in New York on September 14, 2005.

3. On June 29, 2008, in Astana, Kazakhstan, at the 17th session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization for Security and Co-Operation in Europe (OSCE), Kazakhstan President Nursultan Nazarbayev stated in an address that he believes that the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty is asymmetrical, imposes sanctions only on non-nuclear states, and does not induce members of the nuclear club to reduce their nuclear arsenals.

4. On June 6, 2008, under the auspices of the Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism, Kazakhstan conducted an operational-tactical exercise "Atom Anti-Terror - 2008" in Almaty, Kazakhstan. This exercise was targeted to improve interaction

between the state bodies of Kazakhstan in order to prevent and localize any possible terrorist threat against the Nuclear Physics Institute.

## II. COMPLETED ACTIONS FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD

### A. SITE ASSESSMENTS AND MEETINGS CONDUCTED

1. From June 10-12, 2008 the EXBS Kazakhstan team attended the 2008 EXBS Advisor Conference in Washington, DC.

2. On June 30, 2008, the EXBS Program Coordinator contacted Mr. Savelyev, Head of International Security Office of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, requesting the Kazakhstani government's participation in the Export Control Forum to be conducted in Zagreb, Croatia, from September 29 to October 1, 2008. During this meeting, Mr. Savelyev indicated that the Government of Kazakhstan would send a delegation to this forum upon receiving an invitation letter from the U.S. Department of State.

### B. TRAINING DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD

1. None.

### C. EQUIPMENT DELIVERED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD

1. EXBS delivered hydraulic filters, fuel/water separators, and \$5,000 worth of fuel to the Maritime Border Guards in Bautino, Kazakhstan in preparation for the SAFE Boat Operations Course to be conducted in Bautino, Kazakhstan, from July 8 to July 25, 2008.

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### D. IMMINENT TRAINING OR EQUIPMENT STATUS UPDATE

1. None.

### E. SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS IN EXPORT CONTROLS, NONPROLIFERATION, OR RELATED BORDER SECURITY

1. None

### F. CASPIAN SECURITY INFORMATION

1. The EXBS teams in Baku and Astana continue to coordinate activities related to preparation for the SAFE Boat Operations Course to be conducted in Bautino, Kazakhstan from July 8 to July 25, 2008.

## III. RED FLAG ISSUES.

1. None

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